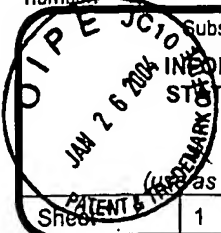


Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

 Substitute for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (as many sheets as necessary)		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	10/608,813
Filing Date		06/27/2003	
First Named Inventor		Guy C. Thrap	
Group Art Unit		3748	
Examiner Name			
Attorney Docket Number		026471-0701	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
<i>CF</i>	A1	5621607		Farahmandi et al.	04-15-1997	
<i>CF</i>	A2	5777428		Farahmandi et al.	07-07-1998	
<i>CF</i>	A3	5862035		Farahmandi et al.	01-19-1999	
<i>CF</i>	A4	5907472		Farahmandi et al.	05-25-1999	
<i>CF</i>	A5	6059847		Farahmandi et al.	05-09-2000	
<i>CF</i>	A6	6094788		Farahmandi et al.	08-01-2000	
<i>CF</i>	A7	6233135		Farahmandi et al.	05-15-2001	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)		

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ⁶

Examiner Signature	<i>Gary L. Laxton</i>	Date Considered	9-26-05
--------------------	-----------------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.